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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants note that claim 1 as allowed per the Notice of Allowance dated on March 22, 2004, contains a minor error, i.e. a duplicate limitation, that needs to be corrected prior to issuance, and submit herein below a minor change to independent claim 1 to place all claims in condition to be passed to issuance. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendment to claim 1 is respectfully requested. No new matter has been introduced. Likewise, no new issue has been raised.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.